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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: M.L. Dopps et al. Attorney Docket No.: WEYE116173  
Application No.: 09/666,213 Group Art Unit: 3761  
Filed: September 21, 2000 Examiner: J.F. Stephens  
Title: ABSORBENT COMPOSITE HAVING FIBROUS BANDS

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	50	-	73	=	0	x	18	= 0
Independent Claims	6	-	11	=	0	x	84	= 0
TOTAL								\$0

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated January 15, 2003, set to expire on April 15, 2003, be extended by 2 months, to expire on June 15, 2003. The enclosed check includes the 2-month extension fee of \$410.00.

C. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 148149 in the amount of \$410.00 to cover the request for extension of time fee.

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D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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